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Treat cattle for lice

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

We are in to a new year and one of the first things that needs to be done with beef cattle is treat for lice.

By this time a good haircoat has developed and lice have multiplied to a significant population. Don't delay treatment until the lice are causing weight losses. Weight losses are easily observed in late February and March on untreated cattle.

There are two materials that work quite well when applied properly. Lysoff is a pour-on that will probably require at least two treatments, 21 days apart - - proper mixing is required. Dursban 44 is a ready to use solution and usually only one treatment is required. Each of these materials carry a lot of small print. Read the label carefully. A publication can be picked up at our office giving the precautions.

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There were about 400 people interested in beef production that attended the program at Red House Bull Evaluation Center last week.

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Looks as if there will be two more farmers putting in grapes this spring. This looks like a good opportunity to add some income to the farm. The cost is fairly high to get in, but adapted varieties properly cared for should last for 35 to 50 years.

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An artificial insemination training course will be held at the Lynchburg Livestock Market January 11-13. The fee is $100 per trainee.

Applications were due December 31, a telephone call could possibly still get you in. We have application forms if you are interested.

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There are some good programs coming off later this month that you will want to put on your calendar: January 17, 7:00 p.m. - Appomattox Dairymen's Association; January 18, 6:30 p.m. - Appomattox Cattlemen Association; January 28, 1:00 p.m. - Grain Marketing; January 29, 12:00 noon - Senior Bull Sale, Red House.

Concerning the Grain Marketing Program on January 28, only a few growers have used "forward pricing" or "contracts" to market their grain. Many have not participated because they don't understand the way it operates.

At this program, we'll talk about contracts - rises and contracting versus not contracting - consideration in selling a contract - discounts, etc.

This may be a way for you to improve your profit margins. Most growers in this area are too small to sell future contracts, but you can forward price.

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There is some blue mold activity in central America, but the limited outbreaks have been brought under control with Mancoseb sprays.

In 1979, prior to Ridomil becoming available, losses in Virginia from all types of tobacco amounted to 10.6 million dollars. In 1982 there were several late season outbreaks in Burley tobacco fields in Southwest Virginia that were not treated with Ridomil or other fungicides. Losses were under $100,000.

The successful control of blue mold in 1982 was due to the widespread use of Ridomil in plant beds (95%) and in the field. Another important consideration is the good job growers in adjacent states did; therefore, there were no spores to be blown into our area.

Blue mold is an annual threat - - we can't give up practicing good control. The following are suggested for each tobacco grower:

Plant Bed:
A. Fall fumigation
B. Use fungicides at recommended rates and applicaiton procedures.
C. Destroy plants after transplanting has been completed.

Field:
A. Early stalk and/or root destruction
B. Use a fungicide at recommended rates and application procedures.
C. If possible, avoid fields which favor blue mold development.
D. After irrigation, leaves should be allowed to dry before darkness.

If blue mold does develop, give us a call.

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Remember last May when the rain came frequently and grass nearly got ahead of tobacco. Many growers had to find hoes because it was too wet to put a tractor in the field.

This doesn't have to happen. A transplanter sprayer kit can be purchased and mounted on the transplanter. Why not get this done now and be ready to go at transplanting time. Either Enide or Devrinol can be applied over the top when transplanting in a band. This will protect the young plants from grass.

We have leaflets showing how to install these kits.

BETTY MAGANN, LEFT, President of Boosters Club, accepts check for the Appomattox County High School Chorale from Bill Neathawk, representing the American Legion Post 104. The Boosters Club is seeking contributions to help finance activities of the Chorale Group.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H'ers with beef cattle need to look ahead to the Central Virginia Junior Livestock Show scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at the Lynchburg Livestock Market. Entries for beef heifers are due in the Extension Office by January 12. Both purebred and crossbred heifers may be entered in the show. Complete details and entry forms are available from the Extension Office.

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Over 150 persons participated in the performance judging program at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center last week. Awards were made for the top individuals as well as the top teams. Judging places were made on four classes of beef bulls and one class of beef heifers based on performance data. The top overall team was from Jefferson Forest FFA and the top individual was also from Bedford County.

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4-H families will have the opportunity to obtain Strawberry plants again this spring. Four varieties of strawberrry plants (Sunrise, Scott, Surecrop, and Delite) will be offered through this program. Order forms will be available to all 4-H members during their January meetings. Strawberry orders will be due in the Extension Office by February 10. We anticipate delivery of strawberry plants about March 10.

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Eight 4-H'ers began work on Achievement Records during the Christmas Holidays. Achievement Records involve an accumulation of all 4-H participation, projects, and activities. 4-H'ers participating in special Achievement Record workshops were: Curtis Moore, Jennifer Coleman, Cheryl Wooten, Robert Coleman, Kathy Bryan, Lisa Harrison, Martha Haley and Anne Hancock.

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Plans are underway for Appomattox 4-H'ers to host 4-H'ers from Texas this coming summer during the first part of an interstate exchange program. Senior 4-H'ers will be given additional information during their January meetings.

ASCS Today

USDA seeks comments on leaf quotas

By TOM CONRAD

USDA Seeks Comments on Marketing Quotas for Certain Tobaccos - The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently asked for public comments on the size of the 1983 marketing quotas for Virginia fire-cured, sun-cured, and two kinds of cigar tobaccos.

Final decisions on quotas will be announced no later than Feb. 1, according to Everett Rank, Administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Rank said national marketing quotas will be established for the following types of tobacco:

Type	Principal Growing States
Virginia fire-cured (type 21) and Virginia sun-cured (type 37)	Virginia
Cigar filler and binder (types 42-44 and 53-55)	Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin
Cigar binder (types 51-52)	Connecticut, Massachusetts

Additional details of today's action are scheduled to appear in the Dec. 10 Federal Register.

Before making final determination USDA will consider any written comments received by Jan. 10.

Comments may be sent to the Director, Analysis Division, ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comments will be open for public inspection in Room 3741 of USDA'S South Building during business hours.

Growers Approve Marketing Quotas For Flue-Cured Tobacco - Preliminary returns from polling places is flue-cured tobacco producing states show growers have approved marketing quotas for the 1983-85 crops of flue-cured tobacco.

According to Everett Rank, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, telephoned returns from ASCS state offices indicate 93.7 percent of the 110,643 voters were in favor of marketing quotas.

USDA has announced a 10 percent reduction in the flue-cured tobacco marketing quota for the 1983-84 marketing year on November 30, but this decision was not final until approved by growers. The vote means that quotas will continue in effect for the 1983, 1984 and 1985 crops.

Results, by states, are the following:

State	Yes Vote	No Vote	Total Vote	Percent in Favor
Alabama	100	0	100	100
Florida	1,421	103	1,524	93.24
Georgia	6,816	519	7,335	92.92
North Carolina	74,749	4,644	79,122	94.13
South Carolina	11,450	381	11,831	96.78
Virginia	9,428	1,303	10,731	87.86
TOTAL	103,893	6,950	110,643	93.72

Price support will be available on the next three crops. Any tobacco marketed in excess of 110 percent of farm marketing quotas will be subject to a marketing penalty of 75 percent of the average market price for the previous marketing year.

Current legislation provides for referendums to be held every three years.

Local horse will be seen on television

Leo Dixie Dandy, a six-year-old sorrel gelding owned by Charles Douglas Branch of Appomattox, Virginia, will be featured in the 1983 World Championship Quarter Horse Show telecast, to be aired Saturday, January 8 at 4:35-p.m. EST on Superstation WTBS of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Ted Turner Broadcasting System station will broadcast this year's show telecast to more than 60 million people across the United States, covering more than 21 million homes. This coverage includes 201 of the nation's 205 television markets.

The hour-long show will feature highlights from class finals during the show's final two days, as well as several scenes from events earlier in the week. Also included in the broadcast will be a segment on the five richest Quarter Horse races of 1982. Those to be shown are the All-American Futurity; All-American Derby; All-American Gold Cup; Skoal Dash For Cash Futurity; and Paherge Special Effort Futurity.

Also featured will be the Copenhagen/Skoal Superhorse presentation, an annual event honoring the best performance Quarter Horse in the world. Only horses qualified in three or more World Show classes are eligible for competition, with the horse garnering the most points during the World Show taking home a $10,000 check, the Superhorse trophy and cooler.

Walt Garrison, U.S. Tobacco Company spokesman, and John Brooks, voice of the University of Oklahoma Football Network, return to co-sancher this year's telecast. Experience from three previous World Show Telecasts bestows the two a wealth of knowledge on World Show events. As always, the Garrison/Brooks team should provide an entertaining highlight to the telecast.

World Show Telecast production and direction was provided by Jack Carver of JPI Productions in Denver, Colorado. Carver has earned many year's experience in the Quarter Horse industry through his production of both films and television broadcasts for the American Quarter Horse Association. Carver has produced all AQHA films since 1976.

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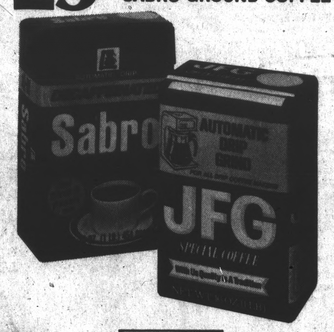

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'Share the Fun'

Talent cited

"A Christmas Showcase of 4-H Talent" was the theme for the 1982 4-H Share-The-Fun Show held at ACHS on December 16. The final show featured 29 of the top acts selected from nearly 100 acts that were presented over a two week period. More than 150 young people took part in the Share-The-Fun activities. Special awards for all participants were provided by the American Savings and Loan of Appomattox.

The top winners in this year's Share-The-Fun were as follows: Junior Division (ages 9-13); Instrumental Category Mary Beth 'drinkard who played "Tomorrow" on the piano; Dance Category - Danny Richardson and Brett Stratton who performed to the tune of "Your Feets Too Big"; Vocal Category - Jennifer Coleman who played and sang the song, "Tomorrow"; Dramatic Category- Missy Phelps and Sarah Mitchell who performed a skit called "found a Peanut" and in the General Category - Melanie Morris who performed "It's A Hard Knock Life."

The vocal category was the only area of competition in the Senior Division (age 14 and up) and the top winner was David Hancock who sang "Tomorrow." He was accompanied on the piano by Laura Walton.

Brod Pack, a member of the Advisory Board of American Federal Savings and Loan assisted with the awards presentation to the top winners.

Other participants selected to perform in the county Share-The-Fun were as follows: Beth Carter adn Terri Hamlett; Melinda Fleshman and Gayle Wooldridge; Shana Harvey; Shawn Womack; Tony Baily; Robert Coleman; Susan Carnefix; Belinda Croner; Barbara Wynn; Teresa Burger; Dawn Hancock; Rhonda Ranson; and Julie Youngblood; Tracy Guthrie; Susan Watkins; Ginger Cash, Jennifer Jamerson and Jennifer Cyrus; Dana Campbell and Kim Krantz; Dusty Wilhoit, Julie Notestein; Mary Helen McLaughlin; Angie Thompson; Joyce Baily and Catherine Bailey; Jennifer Notestein; Tony Watkins, and Sharon Watkins , Beth Marston, Connie Kratz and Kathy Bryan.

Serving as emcees for the program were David Hancock and CHeryl Simpson. Decorations were provided by the 4-H Achievere Club with Rhonda Ranson, Kim Fuller, Sydni Jackson, and Kathy White helping. Stage crews and sound technicians included members of the Teen Leadxers 4-H Club: Blair Smith, Richard Conner, Darrell Conner, Glen McClenny, Dale Glover and Steve Cyrus.

DAVID HANCOCK, Senior Division Winner in the 4-H Share-The-Fun is congratulated by Brod Pack representing American Federal Savings and Loan.

JUNIOR DIVISION WINNERS 4-H Share-The-Fun, front row, Brett Stratton, Melanie Morris, Danny Richardson. Back left to right, Mary Beth Drinkard, Jennifer Coleman, Missy Phelps, Sarah Mitchell, and Brod Pack representing American Federal Savings and Loan.

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